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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, EAIR, IZ
SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS ON TERRORISM

REF: (A) STATE 211715 (B) BAGHDAD 1798

1. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ YOUR MESSAGE AND FULLY
AGREE ON THE POINTS RAISED. RECENT EVENTS HAVE
MADE THIS A GOOD TIME FOR US TO RAISE THE SUBJECT OF
OUR CONCERN OVER IRAQI INVOLVEMENT IN
TERRORISM - AND ALSO A PARTICULARLY BAD TIME AS YOU
NOTE. I SHALL SEEK AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY FOR
INITIATING LOW-KEY DISCUSSIONS.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WONDER IF THE BONN ANTI-HIJACKING
DEMARCHE (REF B) MIGHT PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE
OPPORTUNITY TO SURFACE THE SUBJECT HIGH UP IN THE MFA
AND UNDER AN INTERNATIONAL UMBRELLA. SOME OF THE OTHER
COUNTRIES INVOLVED HAVE INTERESTS AT A LEVEL APPROACHING
OUR OWN. AS YOU KNOW, THE FRG (IN PARTICULAR) IS
VERY CONCERNED AND HAS ALREADY BEEN OVER THE GROUND
(BAGHDAD 168). GIVEN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THE FRENCH
AND BRITISH MIGHT BE READY TO STEP UP, AS SHOULD
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THE JAPANESE, ETC.

3. I RECOGNIZE THAT TIME IS RATHER SHORT AND THAT THE
IDEA MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON.
I ALSO REALIZE THAT THE ANTI-HIJACKING ISSUE IS
IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO STAND ON ITS OWN. THERE IS
A CLOSE AND LOGICAL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO

SUBJECTS, HOWEVER, AND EVEN A BRIEF LOW-KEY REFERENCE
TO THE LARGER TERRORISM ISSUE WOULD REMIND THE
IRAQIS OF THE NEGATIVE WORLD-WIDE IMPLICATIONS
OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT. IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A PEG
FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AT A LATER DATE.
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